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- Under the Chinese Communist Northeast Political Bureau there is a food bureau for each province, city or hsien under Chinese Communist control. The food bureau collects food which represents taxes in kind, and buys other food.
- In Tsitsihar the sub-bureau of the Northeast Political Bureau established the following prices (in Communist Northeast currency) for the compulsory sale of grain (per picul):

Soy beans	\$16,000	Wheat	\$21,000
Kaoliang	\$19,000	Corn	\$17,500

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Comment. The "sub-bureau" presumably refers to the food bureau.)

- Each rural family is allowed to retain 500 catties of grain; the remainder of the harvest must be sold to the food bureau at the prices listed above.
- Grain set aside for taxes in kind had to be delivered to the Farmers' Association by 10 November 1948; grain sold under compulsion was to be delivered according to the instructions on the purchase order. The tax amounts to approximately 35 percent of the harvest.

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